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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN APPLICATION OF: THOMAS L. RITZDORF ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/902,491

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FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES USING METROLOGY

EXAMINER: ZANDRA V. SMITH

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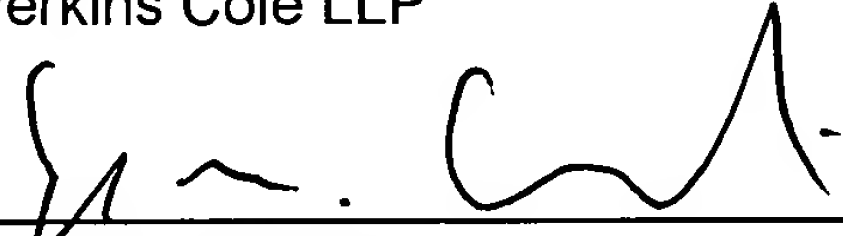
**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed November 22, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-28, 30-57 and 60-72. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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